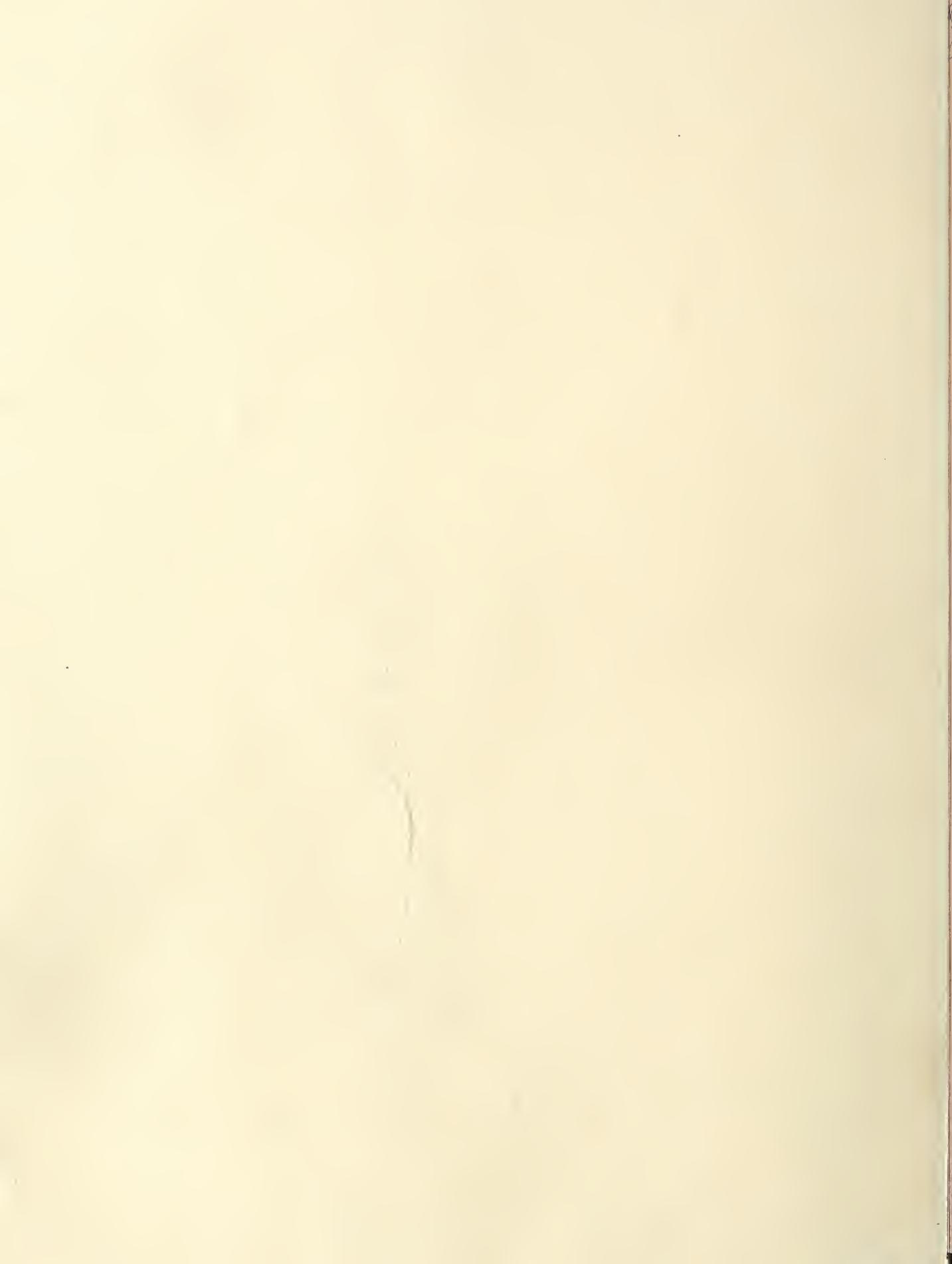


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## RESULTS OF MARKETING QUOTA REFERENDUMS

Since the beginning of production adjustment programs in the 1930's the referendum method has been used to obtain -- direct from individual producers -- an expression of their desire for or against the initiation or continuation of an adjustment measure.

The first actual referendum was held in 1934, on the question of a corn-hog adjustment program in 1935. More than half a million signers of the 1934 contract voted in this referendum, and more than two-thirds of the number voting favored the adoption of the new program. On this mandate, the detailed program was formulated and the contracts offered to producers.

Referendums similar to the corn-hog vote also were used early in production adjustment history among cotton and tobacco growers to determine whether the Bankhead and Kerr-Smith Acts should be continued in effect in the 1935 season.

When the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 was enacted, referendums were directed in connection with marketing quotas for the six so-called "basic" crops -- wheat, cotton, rice, peanuts, corn, and tobacco. The quotas are for use under conditions of heavy supply; they provide a method of allocating the available market among the farms growing the crop; they are made effective through farm acreage allotments, and monetary penalties, when applicable, on production or marketings from excess acreage if the acreage exceeds the farm allotment.

With a few exceptions, the marketing quota programs provided in 1938 -- and the referendums which approve their use -- are still current. However, quotas were never in effect for corn, and the quota authority for this crop was repealed in 1954 (corn allotments were ended with the 1958 crop.) Special legislation exempts wheat and upland cotton from marketing quotas through the 1977 crop.

No marketing quota program can be put into effect without the approval of at least two-thirds of the producers voting in a national referendum. When quotas are approved by growers voting in a referendum, the quotas apply to all producers of the crop. A special marketing quota program for flue-cured tobacco provides poundage quotas as well as acreage allotments when approved by more than two-thirds of the farmers voting in a referendum. A poundage program is in effect for burley tobacco.

The following tables list results of referendums held on marketing quotas for the basic crops as provided by the Act of 1938 and its later amendments.

COTTON, UPLAND

Crop	:	Date of Referendum	:	Votes			:	Percent Yes
				Total	:	Yes		
1938		Mar. 1938		1,527,028		1,406,088	120,940	92.1
1939		Dec. 1938		1,169,663		983,903	185,760	84.1
1940		Dec. 1939		962,273		877,297	84,976	91.2
1941		Dec. 1940		918,857		848,428	70,429	92.3
1942		Dec. 1941		840,881		789,662	52,219	93.9
1943 <u>1/</u>		Dec. 1942		762,856		657,452	105,404	86.2
1950		Dec. 1949		644,135		575,963	68,172	89.4
1954		Dec. 1953		487,453		458,382	29,071	94.0
1955		Dec. 1954		346,542		318,949	27,593	92.0
1956		Dec. 1955		292,488		271,887	20,601	93.0
1957		Dec. 1956		231,678		214,003	17,675	92.4
1958		Dec. 1957		229,315		213,046	16,269	92.9
1959		Dec. 1958		274,943		253,590	21,353	92.2
1960		Dec. 1959		188,349		179,259	9,090	95.2
1961		Dec. 1960		193,456		186,935	6,521	96.6
1962		Dec. 1961		280,499		271,824	8,675	96.9
1963		Dec. 1962		217,020		203,310	13,710	93.7
1964		Dec. 1963		234,682		220,701	13,981	94.0
1965		Dec. 1964		305,452		293,865	11,587	96.2
1966		Nov. 1965		211,810		200,810	11,000	94.8
1967		Dec. 1966		301,442		276,205	25,237	91.6
1968		Dec. 1967		276,336		263,405	12,931	95.3
1969		Dec. 1968		288,165		276,122	12,043	95.8
1970		Dec. 1969		266,895		256,521	10,374	96.1
1971-73	<u>2/</u>							
1974-77	<u>3/</u>							

1/ Suspended

2/ Agricultural Act of 1970

3/ Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973

COTTON, EXTRA LONG STAPLE

Crop	:	Date of Referendum	:	Votes			:	Percent Yes
				Total	:	Yes		
1954		Dec. 1953		1,643		1,467	176	89.3
1955		Dec. 1954		1,193		1,107	86	92.8
1956		Dec. 1955		1,115		1,005	110	90.1
1957		Dec. 1956		888		839	49	94.5
1958		Dec. 1957		1,246		1,097	149	88.0
1959		Dec. 1958		1,180		1,044	136	88.5
1960		Dec. 1959		861		732	129	85.0
1961		Dec. 1960		1,016		914	102	90.0
1962		Dec. 1961		1,175		1,042	133	88.7
1963		Dec. 1962		1,129		925	204	81.9
1964		Dec. 1963		1,237		919	318	74.3
1965		Dec. 1964		953		764	189	80.2
1966		Nov. 1965		1,173		930	243	79.3
1967		Dec. 1966		2,813		2,205	608	78.4
1968		Dec. 1967		2,186		1,912	274	87.5
1969		Dec. 1968		2,416		2,183	233	90.4
1970		Dec. 1969		2,165		2,036	129	94.0
1971		Dec. 1970		2,013		1,900	113	94.4
1972		Dec. 1971		1,956		1,853	103	94.7
1973		Dec. 1972		2,039		1,899	140	93.1

RICE

Crop	:	Date of Referendum	:	Total	Votes	:	Percent		
	:		:		Yes	:	No	:	Yes
1939		Dec. 1938		7,890	3,806	4,084		48.2	
1955		Jan. 1955		17,647	15,911	1,736		90.2	
1956		Jan. 1956		10,645	9,008	1,637		84.6	
1957		Dec. 1956		6,984	6,384	600		91.4	
1958		Dec. 1957		6,827	6,207	620		90.9	
1959		Dec. 1958		7,570	6,577	993		86.9	
1960		Dec. 1959		6,168	5,584	584		90.5	
1961		Dec. 1960		6,088	5,553	535		91.2	
1962		Jan. 1962		8,973	8,455	518		94.2	
1963		Jan. 1963		9,990	8,774	1,216		87.8	
1964		Dec. 1963		8,307	7,464	843		89.9	
1965		Jan. 1965		7,626	6,932	694		90.9	
1966		Nov. 1965		6,496	5,971	525		91.9	
1967		Jan. 1967		11,661	10,257	1,404		88.0	
1968		Jan. 1968		12,915	12,345	570		95.6	
1969		Jan. 1969		11,545	10,778	767		93.4	
1970		Jan. 1970		13,964	12,629	1,335		90.4	
1971		Jan. 1971		11,874	11,138	736		93.8	
1972		Jan. 1972		11,659	11,019	640		94.5	
1973		Jan. 1973		11,422	10,768	654		94.3	

WHEAT

Crop	:	Date of Referendum	:	Votes			Percent :	Yes
				Total	:	Yes		
1941	<u>1/</u>	May 1941		559,630		453,569	106,061	81.0
1942	<u>1/</u>	May 1942		392,111		323,030	69,081	82.4
1943	<u>1/</u>					NO VOTE		
1954		Aug. 1953		447,757		390,221	57,536	87.2
1955		July 1954		284,646		208,623	76,023	73.3
1956		June 1955		347,652		268,817	78,835	77.3
1957		July 1956		280,466		245,081	35,385	87.4
1958		June 1957		235,039		202,668	32,371	86.2
1959		June 1958		230,300		193,583	36,717	84.1
1960		July 1959		210,187		169,760	40,427	80.8
1961		July 1960		178,718		156,134	22,584	87.4
1962		Aug. 1961		278,515		221,250	57,265	79.4
1963		Aug. 1962		247,508		169,348	78,160	68.4
1964		May 1963		1,222,856		584,284	638,572	47.8

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PEANUTS

Crop	: Date of Referendum	: Total	Votes	: Percent
			Yes	No
			:	: Yes
1941)				
1942)	Apr. 1941	73,850	64,462	9,388
<u>1/</u> 1943)				87.3
1/ 1948)				
1949)	Dec. 1947	105,089	92,136	12,953
1950)				87.7
1951)				
1952)	Dec. 1950	68,910	48,790	20,120
1953)				70.8
1954)				
1955)	Dec. 1953	66,433	62,637	3,796
1956)				94.3
1957)				
1958)	Dec. 1956	39,138	36,596	2,542
1959)				93.5
1960)				
1961)	Dec. 1959	33,598	31,875	1,723
1962)				94.9
1963)				
1964)	Dec. 1962	42,838	41,508	1,330
1965)				96.9
1966)				
1967)	Nov. 1965	36,413	35,516	897
1968)				97.5
1969)				
1970)	Dec. 1968	50,358	48,808	1,550
1971)				96.0
1972)				
1973)	Dec. 1971	43,641	42,503	1,138
1974)				97.4

1/ Suspended

TOBACCO

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes	Percent of votes cast	For three years	For one year	Against quotas
		:	: cast	:	years	year	quotas
Flue-cured	1938	Mar. 12, 1938	255,095	--	86.2	13.8	
	1939	Dec. 10, 1938	233,393	--	56.8	43.2	
	1940	Oct. 5, 1939	250,671	--	90.0	10.0	
	1941, 1942, 1943	July 20, 1940	203,059	86.1	1.8	12.1	
	1944, 1945, 1946	July 24, 1943	143,510	87.6	3.1	9.3	
	1947, 1948, 1949	July 12, 1946	256,735	97.1	1.2	1.7	
	1950, 1951, 1952	July 23, 1949	230,719	97.7	0.9	1.4	
	1953, 1954, 1955	July 19, 1952	260,163	97.8	1.0	1.2	
	1956, 1957, 1958	July 23, 1955	200,444	95.5	1.8	2.7	
	1959, 1960, 1961	Dec. 15, 1958	176,607	95.4		4.6	
	1962, 1963, 1964	Dec. 12, 1961	194,121	98.1		1.9	
	1965, 1966, 1967	Dec. 15, 1964	356,951	96.5		3.5	
	1965, 1966, 1967 1/	May 4, 1965	229,880	73.6		26.4	
	1968, 1969, 1970 1/	July 18, 1967	162,314	96.5		3.5	
	1971, 1972, 1973	July 16, 1970	129,961	98.4		1.6	
	1974, 1975, 1976	July 17, 1973	100,466	98.5		1.5	
Burley	1938	Apr. 9, 1938	177,078	--	87.1	12.9	
	1939	Dec. 17, 1938	217,339	--	59.4	40.6	
	1940	Nov. 21, 1939	118,527	--	83.3	16.7	
	1941, 1942, 1943	Nov. 23, 1940	145,089	76.5	3.1	20.4	
	1944, 1945, 1946	Oct. 23, 1943	123,559	92.8	2.1	5.1	
	1947, 1948, 1949	Oct. 25, 1946	135,326	95.9	1.7	2.4	
	1950, 1951, 1952	Nov. 26, 1949	155,483	92.3	3.5	4.2	
	1953, 1954, 1955	Nov. 22, 1952	179,493	97.0	1.3	1.7	
	1955 Redetermination	Apr. 28, 1955	340,822	2/96.0		2/4.0	
	1956, 1957, 1958	Dec. 29, 1955	194,415	95.3		4.7	
	1959, 1960, 1961	Feb. 24, 1959	190,453	98.7		1.3	
	1962, 1963, 1964	Feb. 20, 1962	176,926	99.2		.8	
	1965, 1966, 1967	Feb. 25, 1965	361,167	99.0		1.0	
	1966, 1967, 1968 1/	Mar. 10, 1966	285,211	57.0		43.0	
	1967, 1968, 1969 1/	Feb. 27-Mar. 3, 1967	341,539	58.8		41.2	
	1968, 1969, 1970	Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 1968	299,696	97.0		3.0	
	1971, 1972, 1973	May 4, 1971	328,608	96.6		3.4	

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## **TOBACCO (continued)**

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes cast	Percent of votes cast for three years	Percent of votes cast for one year	Percent of votes cast against
Fire-cured	1938	Mar. 12, 1938	48,788	--	80.6	19.4
and dark	1939	Dec. 7, 1938	43,736	--	60.4	39.6
air-cured	3/					
Fire-cured	1941, 1942, 1943 4/	Nov. 23, 1940	23,296	86.3	2.1	11.6
	1946 5/, 1947, 1948	Oct. 20, 1945	13,557	90.8	2.8	6.4
	1949, 1950, 1951	Nov. 27, 1948	21,140	94.7	2.5	2.8
	1952, 1953, 1954	Dec. 7, 1951	13,350	96.5	1.8	1.7
	1955, 1956, 1957	Dec. 14, 1954	11,919	95.6	1.8	2.6
	1958, 1959, 1960	Feb. 18, 1958	8,821	96.0		4.0
	1961, 1962, 1963	Feb. 24, 1961	11,319	98.0		2.0
	1964, 1965, 1966	Feb. 28, 1964	11,978	94.7		5.3
	1967, 1968, 1969	Feb. 13-17, 1967	13,783	93.5		6.5
	1970, 1971, 1972	Feb. 16-20, 1970	12,767	93.8		6.2
	1973, 1974, 1975	Feb. 19-23, 1973	10,504	93.2		6.8
Dark air-cured	1941, 1942, 1943 4/	Nov. 23, 1940	10,578	84.2	2.2	13.6
	1946 5/, 1947, 1948	Oct. 20, 1945	18,167	96.1	1.5	2.4
	1949, 1950, 1951	Nov. 27, 1948	17,717	96.1	1.5	2.4
	1952, 1953, 1954	Dec. 7, 1951	11,430	97.4	1.5	1.1
	1955, 1956, 1957	Dec. 14, 1954	9,538	95.9	1.2	2.9
	1958, 1959, 1960	Feb. 18, 1958	8,381	96.6		3.4
	1961, 1962, 1963	Feb. 24, 1961	9,082	98.7		1.3
	1964, 1965, 1966	Feb. 28, 1964	9,113	97.8		2.2
	1967, 1968, 1969	Feb. 13-17, 1967	13,695	93.0		7.0
	1970, 1971, 1972	Feb. 16-20, 1970	12,234	93.2		6.8
	1973, 1974, 1975	Feb. 19-23, 1973	10,901	93.7		6.3

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TOBACCO (continued)

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes cast	Percent of votes cast For three years	For one year	Against quotas
Virginia sun-cured	1950, 1951, 1952	Dec. 15, 1949	2,021	85.1	6.4	8.5
	1953, 1954, 1955	Nov. 22, 1952	2,095	97.1	2.0	0.9
	1956, 1957, 1958	Dec. 29, 1955	1,577	98.0		2.0
	1959, 1960, 1961	Feb. 24, 1959	1,128	97.9		2.1
	1962, 1963, 1964	Feb. 20, 1962	1,431	98.5		1.5
	1965, 1966, 1967	Feb. 25, 1965	1,169	97.5		2.5
	1968, 1969, 1970	Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 1968	786	93.4		6.6
	1971, 1972, 1973	Feb. 22-26, 1971	665	94.6		5.4
Maryland	1951, 1952, 1953	Dec. 20, 1950	6,273	18.1	19.1	62.8
	1952, 1953, 1954	Dec. 7, 1951	5,258	15.5	13.1	71.4
	1953, 1954, 1955	Oct. 29, 1952	6,383	64.5	9.6	25.9
	1954, 1955, 1956	Oct. 29, 1953	5,171	51.3	12.8	35.9
	1955, 1956, 1957	Dec. 17, 1954	5,555	43.7	7.4	48.9
	1956, 1957, 1958	Dec. 29, 1955	7,543	81.0		19.0
	1959, 1960, 1961	Feb. 24, 1959	5,021	64.2		35.8
	1960, 1961, 1962	Feb. 2, 1959	5,958	77.8		22.2
	1963, 1964, 1965	Feb. 14, 1963	4,441	83.8		16.2
	1966, 1967, 1968	Feb. 25, 1966	4,030	41.5		58.5
	1967, 1968, 1969	Feb. 20-24, 1967	6,375	61.0		39.0
	1968, 1969, 1970	Feb. 19-23, 1968	5,882	56.0		44.0
	1971, 1972, 1973	Feb. 22-26, 1971	3,976	19.2		80.8
Cigar filler (41)	1951, 1952, 1953	Dec. 20, 1950	3,348	11.8	9.8	78.4
	1952, 1953, 1954	Dec. 7, 1951	2,648	21.4	12.1	66.5
	1953, 1954, 1955	Oct. 29, 1952	1,670	26.3	12.1	61.6
	1954, 1955, 1956	Oct. 29, 1953	1,479	17.4	7.0	75.6
	1955, 1956, 1957	Dec. 17, 1954	1,893	8.4	3.8	87.7
	1956, 1957, 1958	Dec. 29, 1955	1,887	11.3		88.7
	1959, 1960, 1961	Feb. 24, 1959	2,382	7.9		92.1
	1962, 1963, 1964	Feb. 20, 1962	4,275	13.8		86.2
	1965, 1966, 1967	Feb. 18, 1965	3,206	11.8		88.2
	1968, 1969, 1970	Feb. 19-23, 1968	2,034	19.0		81.0
	1971, 1972, 1973	Feb. 22-26, 1971	1,412	22.5		77.5

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TOBACCO (continued)

Type	Crop	Date of referendum	Total votes	Percent of votes cast		
			For three years	For one year	Against quotas	
Cigar filler and binder (42-55)	1951, 1952, 1953 1952, 1953, 1954 1953, 1954, 1955 (42-55), 1954, 1955, 1956	Dec. 20, 1950 Dec. 7, 1951 Oct. 29, 1952 Oct. 29, 1953	5,564 4,213 4,854 3,896	43.8 42.4 61.7 77.0	23.0 23.3 13.2 12.6	33.2 34.3 25.1 10.4
(42-44, 53-55)	1957, 1958, 1959 1960, 1961, 1962 1963, 1964, 1965 1966, 1967, 1968 1969, 1970, 1971 1972, 1973, 1974	Feb. 13, 1957 Feb. 11, 1960 Feb. 26, 1963 Feb. 10, 1966 Feb. 24-27, 1969 Jan. 10-14, 1972	3,944 3,805 3,401 3,659 4,813 3,629	94.0 95.4 89.6 91.3 84.6 91.2		5.9 4.6 10.4 8.7 15.4 8.8
(51-52)	1957, 1958, 1959 1960, 1961, 1962 1963, 1964, 1965 1966, 1967, 1968 1969, 1970, 1971 1972, 1973, 1974	Feb. 13, 1957 Feb. 11, 1960 Feb. 26, 1963 Feb. 10, 1966 Feb. 24-27, 1969 <u>6/</u> Jan. 10-14, 1972	1,862 797 349 354 462 282	98.0 89.7 96.0 96.6 92.0 92.2		2.0 10.3 4.0 3.4 8.0 7.8

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- 1/ Vote on alternative acreage-poundage quotas.  
2/ Votes for and against redetermination of 1955 quota in referendum held under 69 Stat. 23.  
3/ Referendum for both kinds combined.  
4/ Quotas on 1943 crop terminated August 14, 1943.  
5/ Quotas not in effect in 1944 and 1945.  
6/ Marketing quotas terminated for the 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973 crops.



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